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June 28, 2004

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON CHILD CARE CENTERS IN EL MONTE
(BOARD ORDER # 5 - OCTOBER 8, 2003)**

This is to provide you with a status report on the agreement with Acacia Children's Montessori School to provide Child Care Services for County employees at two DPSS sites both located in the City of El Monte. On April 21, 2004, we reported that the El Monte Child Care Center was open; however, because of the cost, filling the child care center had been problematic. This also prevented the opening of the Telstar site until the occupancy level increased.

Recently, the operator collaborated with the local Resource and Referral agency to enroll CalWORKs children and as a direct result, enrollment for the El Monte Child Care Center increased from 34 to 43 children (the capacity is 45). Since the occupancy level is close to capacity at El Monte, we will proceed with the planning for opening the Telstar Child Care Center. DPSS continues looking into the possibility of opening the child care centers to the public and exploring possible alternative funding sources to offset the cost of space and utilities.

We will continue to promote our child care centers through outreach, networking, and marketing efforts. We will provide you with another status report in September 2004.

BY:va

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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